

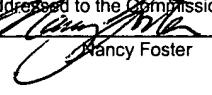
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 Roderic M. K. Dale) Group Art Unit: 1637
 Application No.: 09/669,033) Examiner: Young J. Kim
 Filed: September 25, 2000) Confirmation No. 5652
 For: METHOD FOR DETECTING)
 NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES)

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

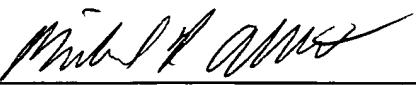
Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004. A fee of \$475.00 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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